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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of )  
Shunpei YAMAZAKI )  
Serial No. 08/926,592 ) Group Art Unit: 2813  
Filed: September 4, 1997 ) Examiner: E. Pert  
For: LAYER MEMBER FORMING METHOD ) Date: July 16, 2001

### REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
Sir:

Applicants acknowledge the Official Action mailed June 6, 2001 which acknowledged the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement on January 10, 2000, January 27, 2000, February 22, 2000, August 18, 2000, September 25, 2000, November 27, 2000, and December 28, 2000.

The Official Action did not, however, include an initialed Form PTO-1449 acknowledging the Information Disclosure Statement filed January 4, 2001. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner evidence consideration of the references cited in the IDS of January 4, 2001 by providing a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449.

It is also noted that the initialed Form PTO-1449 for the IDS of February 22, 2000

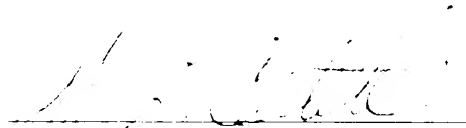
201016. Full translations of these references were submitted on February 22, 2000. It is noted these references were also submitted on January 10, 2000 and January 27, 2000

with Abstracts, which may have caused the Examiner's confusion. As a result, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge the consideration of the supplemental filing of the full translations of the above-identified references on February 22, 2000. <sup>12</sup>

Similarly, the Examiner changed "FULL" to "FULL ABSTRACT" in the Form PTO-1449 for the IDS of September 25, 2000, despite the fact that full translations were provided with the Japanese version of the references. Therefore, Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider this submission and acknowledge the consideration of the full translations of the references submitted with the IDS of September 25, 2000. <sup>13</sup>

If a conference would be beneficial in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,



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